IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION: § DOCKET NO.: ACE-16/US

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FOR: Integrated Process for Acetic Š

Acid and Methanol CONFIRMATION NO. 2929

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 20, 2008

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir

In response to the office action of March 20, 2008, for which an extension of time is hereby requested, applicant submits the following response. Any unpaid fees required in connection herewith are conditionally authorized to be charged to deposit account 501285 upon which undersigned has authority to draw.

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